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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL CALLS FOR REVIEW OF LIBYAN POLICY
IN CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES

1. EDITORIAL IN JUNE 4 "FAJR AL-JADID" POINTED UP
LIBYAN REACTION TO SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AND
TREND OF EVENTS IN MIDEAST. AS MIGHT BE GUESSED,
DEVELOPMENTS ARE NOT TO EDITORIALISTS'S LIKING. HE
LAMENTED, IN CRY FROM HEART, THAT EVERYTHING IN ARAB
WORLD HAS GONE TOPSY-TURVY. THE "UNIONIST REVOLU-
TIONARY" (I.E. QADHAFI) IS CALLED HASTY AND SHORT-
SIGHTED, AND SURRENDER IS CALLED PEACE. THOROUGH
REVIEW OF MEANS AND ENDS IS INDICATED IN THESE
"CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES", BUT CERTAINLY NOT A RETREAT.
POINT IS TO STOP DECLINE IN ARAB WORLD BEFORE IT
GOES FURTHER-OTHERWISE FUTURE LOOKS BAD.

2. COMMENT: EDITORIAL SEEMS TO EXPRESS DISMAY OF
LIBYAN LEADERSHIP AT SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT, AND ITS
CONFUSION OVER WHAT COURSE TO ADOPT NOW. PREVIOUS
PUBLIC LINE HAD BEEN THAT STEADFAST SYRIA WOULD
NEVER GIVE IN. MESSAGE SEEMS TO BE THAT THIS IS
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GOOD TIME TO LAY LOW, TO AVOID MAKING SITUATION

WORSE BY OPEN CRITICISM OF SYRIA, AND TO DO SOME
DEEP THINKING.
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